

September 23, 2003

The Honorable Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA FAX 916-445-4633

Subject: **SUPPORT FOR E-RECYCLING – SB 20**

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara to express our support for Senate Bill 20 to require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life.

Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning-up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. The City of Santa Barbara **strongly supports SB 20** and thanks you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

Dan Secord, M.D.
Mayor Pro Tempore

cc: Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
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